



(inside)-Help! Bear me down hard, Chimmie! I'm too near

quick! You're too heavy fur me!

James (outside)-Get onto de tree

Farmer Rattlewhip-No, you young feller; yew are jes' right! arm's length I kin lay it on right slick!-Chicago Daily News.

HOW JAPAN WAS FOUNDED. DRAW DRAFT ON THE SHAH. Quaint Tale That Has Been Handed Down by Tradition for Many Centuries.

We are indebted to the Jesuit exflorer, Charlesviox, for a tradition concerning the establishment of the Japanese empire. It is said that the first colony there was composed of Chinese, who settled on the neighboring island more than was to be an examination of the bank's two centuries before the Christian era. Sinosikwo, the legend runs, ascended

the throne of China in the year 246 B. C., and at once entered on a career of cruelty and tyranny. He was, nevertheless, most anxious to enjoy the privi- "I haven't the money and I can't posleges of his position for as long a period as possible. For the purpose of en- What can I do about it?" deavoring to obtain some specific agent could be prolonged, he dispatched trust- to make good the deficit, and for a long ed messengers and explorers into all the countries with which he held any com- bridging the trouble. Suddenly a bright munication, or of the whereabouts of idea dawned on him. which he could obtain any knowledge.

Taking advantage of the circumthat he had learned that such an agent existed in the juices of a plant which grew only in the islands which now form the Japanese empire. The plant in question was also reported to be one of so but made out the draft on the shah and delicate structure and sensitive nature that, if not plucked with pure hands and special precaution, it would lose all its mysterious virtues before arriving with- said to the cashier, and the cashier

in the limits of the Chinese empire. It was suggested that 300 young men and the same number of sirls-all of spotless physical health and moral purity-should be selected to proceed to bank account. Japan for the purpose of securing a sufficient supply of the precious plant The suggestion was promptly acted on. The medical adviser also patriotically himself and the offer was accepted.

The expedition embarked as speedily as possible for the Japanese islands, but not one of its members was ever seen within the bounds of the Chinese empire again. The previously unoccupied parts of Japan were rapidly populated A STRANGE FLOWERING BULB with a race more fresh and vigorous in body and mind than the average inhabitants of the land of the "Celestials" itself! The medical chief of the expedition, of course created himself king of the country, and soon had a magnificent palace erected for his residence, which he called Kanjoku (i. e., "grande the Chicago Chronicle.

Not Time for Himself.

One of the latest and best stories of absent-mindedness concerns a Pennsylvania professor. Being called out on some urgent matter recently, and expecting to be engaged for some hours, he affixed a notice to the door of his private sanctum, stating that he would not be back till three o'clock in the afternoon.

As it happened, he was able to get away earlier, and arrived back at his chambers a little before two o'clock. Seeing his own notice, which he had

quite forgotten, on the door, he read it carefully. When he had thoroughly digested its contents, he took a seat on the stairs and waited patiently until three o'clock .- Stray Stories.

Ruin the Roads.

In Surrey, England, the county surveyor has observed that the large rubhigh speed over dry gravel roads, sucl. ous year's display will be repeated. up the finer particles of the roadhed, and leave the surface covered with a sharp grit. Another report from the same county avers that the effect of heavy, swift-moving motor cars is to "tear gravel roads all to pieces." A smooth hard surface is required to resist the action of the rubber tires.

Retort Courteous.

Mrs. Bizzey-I notice you're cleaning house, Mrs. Newcome, and I was afraid you might be tempted to throw your rubbish out on the back lot. I just wanted to say that we don't do that sort of

Mrs. Newcome-I burned all our rubbish in the furnace this morning, Mrs. | cago Chronicle. Bizzey, including an old book on "Etiquette," which I might have saved for

you.-Philadelphia Press. Just Between Neighbors.

and my daughter are often mistaken for neck, and that gives the conductor a

studying too hard, don't you think?- mighty clever toward him."-Chicago Falcons in the Army.

Trained falcons, to carry dispatches in the time of war, have been tested in times as rapid as that of carrier pig-

Women Medical Officers. Women serve as medical officers in \$3,500 a year or more. the Russian army. In no other country in Europe is such employment given

'o the sex.-Tit-Bits. Poker, for Instance. Men that "want in" are often ant,-Indianapolis News.

One Way to Even Up a Bank Account When Called Upon to Make Good Overdraft.

"Just to oblige" a depositor the cashier of a bank in a western town allowed him to overdraw his account \$1,000, relates the Chicago Tribune. A few days later the cashier learned there account. He sent at once to the depositor, told him of the impending examination, and asked him to make his account good.

"I can't do it,' 'replied the depositor sibly raise it inside of three weeks.

The cashier was in sore straits. which the duration of human life did not have money enough of his own time he couldn't think of any way of

"I'll tell you what we'll do," he said stances, one of his medical attendants | the shah of Persia for \$1,000 and deposwho was living in hourly dread of a sud- it it in your account. It will be at least den sentence to death, told the emperor six weeks before we'll have it returned protested. Meanwhile you can skir- arid region. mish up the money to make good the

The depositor laughed at the idea, put it in for collection.

"There'll be a hot time in Persia when the shah gets that," the depositor agreed with him.

Within three weeks the depositor made some collections through his regular business and straightened out his

About six weeks after the draft was made on the shah the cashier received a check from Teheran for \$1,000 from the equerry of the shah. On the back volunteered to conduct the expedition of the voucher which accompanied it and above the indorsement of the

equerry, this statement was written: "The shah of Persia requests that hereafter all bills from the United

States of America shall be itemized."

Plant from Asia That Blossoms Without the Aid of Earth or Water.

Central Asia now puts in a claim for

the most remarkable of all the bulbous plants, states the New York Times. maison, semblable, aux cleux"), says bears the imperial title of "Monarch of the East." In color and appearance the We are further told that the Japanese bulb resembles a large potato, and its black to flow his nose, and this medical substance inch thick. Saw is six feet; projects there 40 years ago." mention the historic fact in their an- extraordinary property is that it flownals; that they point out to visitors the ers without the aid of earth, sand, spot on which the medical founder of stones, water or anything else. The their empire landed and also show the discoverer of this phenomenon says: ruins of a temple which was erected in "The flower sheath sometimes reached a length of nearly two feet, is of a redbrown color, topped with red and yellow, while the inner parts of the flower are equally brilliant." He also adds that the bulb of this extraordinary plant needs only to be placed in a saucer, without water, in a warm room, when, without showing either leaves or roots, the flower makes its appearance, usually early in the year, thriving entirely upon the nourishment contained

within the bulb. As soon as the flower has faded away and a growth appears to be coming from the bulb, it should be potted up in good soil and freely watered. Later on an umbrella-shaped leaf is formed on a rooting and do well. If I were elected stout stalk resembling brown granite in color, and sometimes reaching a height of three feet. In autumn this rings in or to disfigure in any way a leaf fades, and as soon as it has died off the bulb is lifted out of the soil, cleaned up and placed in a dry condiber tires of motor cars in passing at a tion in a warm room, when the previ-

Burmese Were Ingerious. After conquering Burmah the British undertook to carry the great Rangoon bell, the third largest in the world, to Calcutta as, a trophy, but dropped it overboard in the Rangoon river, where it defied all the efforts of later the Burmese, who had not ceased to mourn its loss, begged to be allowed to recover it. Their petition was granted and by attaching to it an incredible number of bamboo floats the unwieldy mass of metal was finally lifted from its muddy bed and triumphantly restored to its place.-Chi-

How They Do It. "You say the motorman and the con-

ductor work well together?" "Splendidly. The motorman starts Mrs. Haggard-Do you know, myself the car suddenly, throws you on your chance to come to your assistance and Mrs. Gay-Ah-the dear girl must be apologize in a way that makes you feel

Want Good Men. A noteworthy feature of the applications this year to the bureau of selfthe Russian army. Their speed is four help for graduate service is the demand from corporations for Yale men to take permanent positions, many of them well paid. Several of the calls for teachers are for positions paying

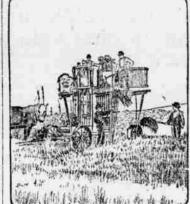
Country of Churches. Australia has 210 churches to every 100,000 people—a larger number per capita than any other country. England has 144 and Russia only about 55,-Church Eclectic.



THE INTEREST IN ALFALFA.

Plant Is Coming to Be Considered a Cosmopolitan Grass of Wide Range of Growth.

The interest in alfalfa seems always on the increase. Ten years ago the farmers of Kansas were discussing whether or not they would grow this crop, while now the same discussion is being carried on in the states far to the east and north. Alfalfa was first introduced into this country by the monks who settled on the coast of California in the early part of the last century. They doubtiess brought it from South America, where it had been grown for



at least 100 years before its introduction into California. It is claimed that it worked its way eastward overland, but this may be doubted to some extent, as it is certain that it was grown in the southern Atlantic states a generation

ALFALFA HARVEST IN CALIFORNIA.

ago in a tentative way. But that most of the spread has been from California fields seems certain, the plantations folto the denositor. "You draw a draft on lowing the lines of railway over the mountains and through the arid deserts of Arizona and New Mexico. It has now become the great hay crop of the semi-Alfalfa was looked upon as a plant

adapted to the dry sunny climates only but it is now coming to be considered a cosmopolitan plant of great range of growth. It is certain that where it has been grown in large quantities it has enormously increased the productivity of the land and increased the number of live stock that can be carried on each The ranchmen of the west are acre. now using immense quantities of alfalfa in the winter feeding of stock being prepared for market .- Farmers' Review.

HOG'S NOSE IS ALL RIGHT. To Disfigure the Snout Which the Creator Has Given to the Animal Is a Mistake.

I have noticed instances where some of my farmer brethren asked which instruments are best in disfiguring the nose of a hog. I beg to answer the same by saying, in the first place, that it is inhuman and inexcusable cruelty to disfigure the nose of a hog, remarks a writer in Northwestern Agriculturist, besides, it is a detriment to the owner. Our Creator gave the hog his snout to root with, in order to find a medical substance which his system needs to cleanse the blood, to disinfect all worms and trichinea and to keep him But if that is prevented by disfiguring cholera hogs have died with a disfig-

ured nose. I have handled for the past 26 years yet to see where they have made a hole large enough to set a hen. To prevent rooting, dig a hole four and one-half feet deep, two and one-half at bottom, four and one-half at top; start a fire at bottom; throw in any kind of wood and cobs and when all is in a blaze cover hole airtight, with sheet iron. Break up the charcoal next day, mix with each bushel four pounds of salt. one-half pound copperas dissolved in water, and sprinkle over it, then put in self-feed box. Swine will then stop to congress one of my first bills would be to make it a mimsdemeanor to put hog's nose, or anybody that would manufacture or any person that would handle any rings or instruments for said purposes should be held liable for misdemeanor. A heavy fine or six months in the penitentlary, or both, according to the discretion of the court, would be one of the best steps toward the health of mankind in this universe

Green Manuring of Crops.

There are many soils that are not benefited by green manuring crops. the engineers to raise it. Some years Such soils are those already rich in nitrogen and in humus. An investiga- land. tion by the University of Illinois has shown that on many of the soils in Illinois an addition of humus and of mais. nitrogen would be a positive detriment. This leads to the remark that we must have a reason for every farm operation. The green manure crop is needed on that soil that is deficient in humus other soils. It is obvious that we cannot lay down rules that can be blindly followed on all farms. The green manuring crop is valuable where it is it is not needed. The intelligence of every farmer must determine the necessity for each operation on the farm -Farmers' Review.

How to Get Strong Chicks.

If a breeder wants good, strong chicks. he must "begin at the beginning" and see that the stock that produces the eggs is strong and vigorous. Strongly fertilized eggs come only from stock that is in good condition, vigorous and healthy, well fed and well cared for. The germ in an egg from weak, diseased stock will always be weak and will never produce a strong chick, if it hatches at all. The breeder who failed to get his breeding stock in the pink of condition before the commencement of the hatching season will not get the best results .- Commercial Poultry.

LOTS OF FARMS LEFT YET.

Public Domain Is Not by Any Means Exhausted, as Some Would Have Us Believe.

The material development of the country is quietly progressing at a re-markable rate in one direction which is not given much popular attention. More than 22,824,299 acres of the publie lands were turned over to private individuals last year. This means that an area almost equal to that of the state of Indiana has within that time been added to the productive regions of the United States. Most of these newly opened lands were homesteaded by farmers, as will be seen from the following figures: There were 54,365 patents of all classes issued within the year. Of this number 47,,654 are classed as agricultural, 4,904 as Indian allotments, 1,104 as mineral patents, 200 as coal patents, 276 as private land claims 187 as railroad patents and 40 as swamp land patents. The total sum which the government got by way of fees and commissions for issuing these patents was \$11,024,744. Under a recent law the most of the receipts from the sale of public lands will hence forth be set aside for reclaiming arid lands by irrigation.

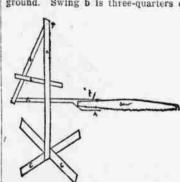
In the public domain there are still unappropriated 380,979,307 acres of surveyed lands and 591,976,169 acres of unsurveyed lands, a total of more than 970,955,000 acres. A great many tracts in this immense area, of course, will always remain uncuitivated and unsettled, but it has been estimated that when the contemplated system of irrigation shall be put into working order so much good land will be opened that a population as large as the whole nation's present population could find room there to thrive pros-

perously and contentedly. Rapid strides are now being made in the developing of the public domains. The excitement and uproar of former pioneer days are absent in this work but the process is marked and very effective. The passenger traffic on western railroads is evidence of this fact. Agreeable reflections arise in contemplating that the United States still owns so much arable public land. The dangers of an overcrowded population by immigration or natural increase are still remote. The census for many years yet to come will not show an excess of people above what the west will need in settling up its vacan lands.-Kansas City Journal.

ONE-MAN SAWING MACHINE.

Simple Device That Will Be Found of Considerable Practical Value on Every Farm.

The cut below shows a device which I have found convenient when running a crosscut saw alone. Standard a l 2x4, 10 feet 4 inches from pin g to ground. Swing b is three-quarters of



ONE MAN SAWING MACHINE.

an inch by two inches wide, seven feet, three inches long. Guides c from b in good health and a thrifty condition. to play in are three feet two inches is not fed to him, he will then become four feet, two inches. Handle is set unhealthy and diseased, and will be slightly slanting. The saw is bolted unfit for mankind to consume. I will on to side of pitman. Forward two venture to say that 90 per cent, of bolts have large washers. Two boards e e are halved together and nailed to He had only six century runs to his standard. They are about three and one-half feet in length. Saw "caras high as 300 hogs yearly, and have riage" is simply two straight logs placed at convenient height.-Rural New Yorker.

ALL AROUND THE FARM.

Plants derive their substance chiefly from the air, as all the carbo-hydrates are supplied by the air, and those elements come into the plant through the leaves and comprise many times the bulk of that derived from the soil. On many farms there are muck

swamps that might be made a source of value, especially where nitrogen is wanting in the other soils. The cow pea is worthy of more attention that it has received, though

it is receiving more attention every vear. The larger part of a decayed plant s of no value for manure, but may

soll. There was never a time in the history of the world when agriculture was as popular as at the present time. The exhaustion of the humus in a

soil frequently renders it almost un-The first care of the farmer should be to maintain the fertility of his

In swine raising for the beginner, a start should be made with a few ani-

When Cutting Short Grain.

When cutting very short grain with 1 harvester, considerable difficulty is often experienced, as the short cut and nitrogen, but is labor lost on many grain will accumulate upon the sicklebar in such quantity as to clog the sickle. And it will be found that if the reel is lowered enough to prevent this. the short grain is thrown too far back needed, but worthless or worse, where upon the platform and scattered so badly that it cannot be properly bound into bundles without great loss. To avoid this, get some very heavy canvas, ten inches wide, and fasten it with tacks the full length of the reel slats and this will sweep the grain gently onto the platform and thus avoid waste.-Farm Journal.

> Live Stock in Cold Climates. Cold climates are as well suited to the raising of live stock as are temperate and warm climates. While herbage is more abundant in the warm climates and the winters are shorter, vet most of our farm animals do bet ter in the cold climates than in the warm, and diseases are less numerous. Grass is a greater factor in the north than in the south, for climatic

Japan and Russin in Corea.

The little kingdom of Corea, whos affairs furnished the ostensible provocation of the war between Japan and China, and whose king has recently been under the guardianship of Russia, has passed under what is practically a joint protectorate of Japan and Russia. The two governments have signed an agreement by which each is to station a limited force of troops in Corea for the protection of their settlements, Foth powers also agree to give Corea financial aid; Japan is to control the telegraph lines, except a new line to Seoul, which Russia is to build. This agreement seems to settle rivalries which at one time wore rather a threat-

ening aspect .- Youth's Companion. Why Smokestacks Escape Lightning Statistics show that of 10,000 smoke stacks only three arc struck by light ning each year, while of 10,000 church spires 67, and of 10,000 windmills 89 are struck by lightning annually. An endeavor has been made to explain this condition by the fact that the smoke discharged from the smokestack takes the electricity assembled around the building along and distributes it in the air, whereby the source of attraction for the electric spark of lightning is not only diminished, but almost disappears. This fact also explains, it is said, why people in the country kindle a large fire in the fireplace when a thunderstorm is approaching. - Chicago Chronicle.

A Bird's Sea Resort.

Naturalists consider it a wonderfu fact that the Bermuda islands have only seven native species of land birds, while no less than 128 other species pay visits to the islands. Many of these visitors are hirds which pass the summer in the United States, and utilize the Bermuda islands as a convenient winter resort, thus imitating some of their human compatriots. Even some American bats follow the example of the birds by wintering in the Bermudas.-Youth's Com-

A Weather Prophet. Scientist-So you have followed the sea all your life? I presume you are a through meterological prognosticator

Jack Tarre-a which? "A-I mean you can easily foretell a

gale, can't you?" "Easy 'nough, sir. When you see the captain dancin' around an' yeliin' out 40 orders at onet, you kin jest make up mind that it's goin' ter blow."-N Weekly

Must Kill a Bear.

An Eskimo youth is qualified to marry when he has succeeded in killing a polar bear unnided, this feat being regarded as proof that he is capable of providing for the wants of a fam-He starts forth at night to secure a wife, which he does by seizing the first girl he can surprise unnwares -N. Y. Sun.

iage in which Plutarch played as a child are now the property of an American lady."-Chicago Tribune. Didn't Investigate Further

She Owns Classic Ground.

Americans do not covet the round

whose hymns are sung in every

however, are in their possession. Prof.

Sterrett tells us, for instance, that "the

battlefield of Chaeronea and the vil-

"Well, Bridget, did the dentist fill that bad tooth for you?" "I don't know, mum."

"Don't know?" "No, mum; he pulled it out and I niver stayed to see if he plugged the nasty thing or not, mum."-Cincinnati

Commercial Tribune. Intimely.

"Do you know what you are trying to ay," asked the chronic fault finder, when you speak of a man going to an intimely grave at the age of 80?" "I do," said the undaunted obituarist. The old villian ought to have gone

Sufficient Reason.

"I understand their engagement has been broken." "Yes. She says she was deceived. credit instead of 16, and as she had 14 herself, he was clearly out of her class."-Chicago Post.

Inferences. Medium (aside to assistant)-What's that man's name with crape on his hat,

who is good-humored and jolly? Assistant-Dawson. "Mr. Dawson, the spirit of your wife wants to communicate with you."-N. Y. World.

George-And if things go well with us the first year, darling, I-hem-presume your father will not see us suffer? Birdie (sighing)-No. dear, poor papa's evesight is growing rapidly werse, even now .- N. Y. World.

An Impediment. Teacher (angrily)-Why don't you newer my question, Bobby? His Brother Tommy (answering for him)-Please, sir. he's got a peppernelp the mechanical structure of the mint in his speech -- Tit-Bits.

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